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Egg Rolling in Washington.

One of the most ancient and interesting of Easter customs still prevails in Washington City. It is known as egg rolling and occurs every Easter Monday on the beautiful undulating grounds in the rear of the executive mansion. Children who live in the far west will never appreciate what they miss on Easter Monday until they have come to the nation's capital and witnessed the merry scenes in the White House grounds upon that day. Here thousands of children, rich and poor, meeting on the same level, little Lord Fauntleroy, Mickey Duggans and Abraham Lincoln Jimminy's, guaranteed every privilege of the (14) amendment.

President McKinley did more for the children on Monday last than Groves Cleveland did any year during his term of office. Not only were the grounds thrown open to the children, but the Marine Band was ordered out and gave a continuous open air concert throughout the day to the delight not only of the children but of hundreds of grown people who came in a continuous stream to witness the annual merry making of the little ones. Here on the beautiful lawns kept by the government for the pleasure of its chief executive and as a matter, too, of national pride, a full realization of the principles expressed in the declaration of independence is noted on Easter Monday. From early morning until the gates were closed at sundown, the grounds were crowded with children, and older people, too, who took delight in looking on. A detail of police was there all day, not for the purpose, however, of restraining or restricting the children in any way, but rather in the language of the president, who requested their presence "to protect the little ones from anyone who may endeavor to annoy or interfere with their pleasure."

Egg rolling is a very simple affair in itself, but it affords no end of enjoyment and satisfaction to vast troops of children. There is always a king bee at the egg rolling, and he or she, as the case may be, is the one whose kind and indulgent mamma has furnished him with the biggest basket of eggs with which to engage in the time honored sport. The semi circular grounds to the south of the White House could not have been more satisfactorily arranged for a sport to which they are dedicated on Easter Monday, if they had been laid out with no other idea in view. They contain some ten or fifteen acres and the land scape gardener who prepared them must have been born and bred in France, for they are nothing but a succession of beautiful grassy hillocks surrounded with trees, scattered irregularly so as to have the appearance of a beautiful natural park. These hillocks furnished abundant places for the children to sit upon to roll their eggs without interfering with each other.

The children gather in groups, from two to a score in number and taking station at the top of the slope, start their eggs rolling down the hill. The only game there is to it is to see how long the eggs will last. As might well be expected, the eggs, which I have omitted before to say are all laid by the same hen, and are of one size and shape, and are of one color, and are of one quality. As they crash together the stronger shell breaks the weaker and the luck of the draw comes into play. The king bee of the day is the one who has the longest egg when the rolling is over. There is another feature to the sport, which is called "pecking eggs." The king bee of the day is the one who has the longest egg when the rolling is over. There is another feature to the sport, which is called "pecking eggs." The king bee of the day is the one who has the longest egg when the rolling is over.

Many of the children stayed in the grounds all day. They didn't need any lunch, for they brought their lunch with them in the shape of the eggs with which they had their sport. The object, of course, in trying to break each other's eggs was one of victorious conquest, but the secondary object was not to be lost sight of. For, in both the games of egg-rolling and egg-pecking, the king bee of the day is the one who has the longest egg when the rolling is over.

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A Duel Between Elephants.

Hearing sounds that indicated serious trouble in a herd of wild elephants on the Upper Congo river, a native hunter named Keema and a sportsman named Robard fled precipitately to a sturdy tree near by. What happened after that is told in outline: "They had scarcely reached their perches when a second division of the herd came rushing down the path which the men had just left, shrieking and trumpeting in anger and fear. The tree shook as the tornado of trunks swept by. On the left the shrieking was varied with cracking and lashing as of ropes against a mast. Keema climbed higher in his tree, and through a break in the forest discovered the cause of the trouble. In an open space two bull elephants were fighting. One of them was a leader of the herd, the other an old warrior bull trump who had lost a tusk.

"It is the rogue Ilunga," whispered Keema; "and he will kill the other beauty—no use to try to stop him." "The hunters watched for a chance to fire as the brutes drew back a little and sprang together with lowered heads and big ears outspread, the skulls coming together with stunning force. On recovering, they came together again, rising on their hind legs and striking down with their tusks as with a sword, shrieking with rage, and using their tusks like whip lashes. The men came from the trees and drew near to the fight through the bushes.

"Shoot the leader," said Keema. "It is no use to try for the other." "Then it dawned on Robard that the savage deemed the wanderer an evil spirit not to be trifled with, since it possessed magic power. The man came into sight of the leader of the herd behind Ilunga, as the native called him, and the beast drew back at the sight of a deadlier enemy than the wandering bull. The leader leaned forward as if to rush to attack Robard, who had fired, but Keema was just behind the elephant, and with a keen, heavy knife hamstringing the beast with a single blow, disabling it. A bullet above the eye finished the creature."

A Place of Desolation.

Wichita, Kan., April 29.—A special to the Beacon from Guthrie says: "The scene in the flooded district this morning is one of desolation. The river went down rapidly last night and when the sun rose the awful extent of the damage to property could be seen. The river is still bank full, but the water has receded from most of the inundated districts. This morning most of the missing people had been found, clinging to bushes or driftwood down the stream on the west bluffs or scattered in the farmhouses. It is believed the death list will not exceed 25, most of them being seen to drown in the main channel during the first rush of water. The bodies were carried away. The only bodies found this morning are those of Mrs. Fannie Radfin and five children, all lodged in a pile of driftwood. These, with George Owen a butcher, drowned while recouping others, Frank Myers, Mrs. Dumas, Mrs. Jane Watt, Mrs. Francis Moore, Mrs. Drummond Mrs. Dennis and child and Mrs. Watson, are the only ones known to have been drowned, though 50 or more are still missing. Five hundred houses were swept away, and their contents ruined. A hundred and fifty houses were wrecked, and 20 devastated. One thousand people are homeless and as many more are destitute. The property damage exceeds \$100,000.

Peace.

Rome, April 29.—The Secolo di Milan today publishes a dispatch, saying that peace between Greece and Turkey has been concluded.

Situation at Athens.

New York, April 29.—A Journal dispatch from Athens says: "The situation here is growing more serious every hour, as the people come to realize the true position into which want of statesmanship and generalship has led the country. The feeling of uncontrollable indignation has rapidly developed since the departure of the forces to the frontier. Athens and the Piraeus are filled with the bourgeoisie, unable to carry out many of their duties, and the lower classes, and to a certain amount the rabble from the very Turkish empire. These people naturally can do any amount of mischief, and if armed and they find leaders, can go to all extremities."

Yesterday morning news spread that a demonstration had been planned against the king. The people thronged the streets and discussed the news. Volanteers or would-be volunteers in the afternoon entered two shops in the Rue Hermines, and took all the firearms and ammunition on the pretext that the government refused them arms. This would easily have degenerated into wholesale plunder of shops if the good sense of the inhabitants had not formed a mouthpiece in Hall, the leader of the opposition. He immediately, upon learning of the disorder, came to the spot and addressed the crowd. His speech had a telling effect.

"You are mad," said the burden of what he said. "Why, when Greece is surrounded by difficulties and the powers try to disgrace the nation, you say you want arms; let your conduct show you are worthy of becoming soldiers!" Under these remarks it may be said that Hall was the hero of the day and saved the town from a riot. A crowd afterward went to the palace, shouting and hissing. The guard had been doubled. The people collected before the palace and popular orators addressed them. The noisy demonstrations of the day, which it was thought might mark the end of the dynasty, ended quite peacefully.

Many cases of "Grippe" have lately been cured by One Minute Cough Cure. This preparation seems especially adapted to the cure of this disease. It acts quickly thus preventing serious complications and bad effects in which this disease often leaves the patient. Marsters' Drug Store.

The O. S. H. Rules.

The following circular letter has been issued by the president of the board of trustees of the Soldiers' Home: Roseburg, Or., April 25, 1897. To the Commander and Comrades of the O. S. H. Post No. 1 of Oregon, G. A. R. Comrades:—You have no doubt seen the receipt from the Post No. 29, a series of resolutions denouncing the action of the board of trustees of the Oregon Soldiers' Home, for adopting certain rules which their communication recites. The Post claims that the rules violate section 494 of the revised statutes of the United States. They do not such thing. On the contrary they conform to an act of congress passed in 1881, which act is part of the general pension appropriation bill of that year. Moreover, similar rules are now in force in every one of the National Homes in the United States, and it is to be supposed for a moment that the National government in adopting such rules would violate its own laws? It is furthermore claimed that rule 14, forces the old soldier to submit to civil penalty without legal process, and reduces him to the "defective" classes. It does no such thing; for no penalty is applied to him and no rule is enforced upon him until he voluntarily and of his own free will subscribes to the rule, which in this case is nothing more nor less than a contract which he enters into with the state. Nor does the rule reduce him to the "defective" classes, for his pension and every dollar of his own money until he, of his own option, gives into the control of the commandant of the Home and is himself a party to it just and proper disposal.

But these rules are not peculiar to the Oregon Soldiers' Home. They have been adopted and are now in force in many of the State Homes and all the branches of the National Home, and have been endorsed by G. A. R. Encampments. They have been passed upon by the highest court in the States—Minnesota, Iowa and Michigan, and in every case declared to be constitutional, equitable, just and right. They were adopted by the board: First, because they are just to the soldier, just to his relatives and just to the state. Second, because they are intended to correct a great evil and as far as possible right a great wrong. Many of these pensioners are old and feeble and childish. With their entire pension money they visit the city and are just to the state. Second, because they are intended to correct a great evil and as far as possible right a great wrong. Many of these pensioners are old and feeble and childish. With their entire pension money they visit the city and are just to the state.

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